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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Marcus Welton, 27, of Madison, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 188 months in federal prison without parole for distributing crack cocaine. Welton pleaded guilty to the charge on August 14, 2008.

Welton sold crack cocaine to an undercover police officer on two occasions in the summer of 2006. The defendant's sentence was increased because of his status as a career offender. This conviction was the defendant's fourth felony drug conviction.

The charges against Welton were the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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